Rivers originating from neighbouring countries

†1527. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will te Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many rivers originating from the neighbouring countries are the cause of gigantic loss of lives and properties in India;

(b) if so, the details of the rivers and the countries from where these rivers originate;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of quantity of additional water of the rivers coming from other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir. Some rivers originating from neighbouring countries at times cause considerable loss of lives and properties in India.

(b) Northern tributaries of Ganga originating in Nepal, and Brahmaputra and its northern tributaries originating in China (Tibet) and Bhutan.

(c) and (d) Central Water Commission has Gauge & discharge sites in its territory on the major international rivers flowing through India. The quantum of flow of these rivers varies year to year.

Linking of Rivers

†1528. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of nationalisation of rivers has gained a positive approach with the Chief Ministers;

(b) if so, by when Government will receive the detailed report regarding mutual linking of rivers as well as constructing links and canals; and

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